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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Room TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
MB Docket No. 03-15  
File No. BFRECT-20050209AKQ  
File No. BFRECT-20050210ATK

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to FCC Rule 1.1206, this letter serves as notice that on January 18, 2006, Dr. William F. Baker, President and CEO of Educational Broadcasting Corporation ("EBC"), licensee of noncommercial educational television stations WNET and WLIW (Newark, NJ and Garden City, NY respectively), spoke by telephone first with Mr. Andrew Long, Media Bureau Associate Chief, and then with Media Bureau Chief Donna Gregg, regarding the Emergency Request for Waiver filed in the above-referenced proceedings last summer by WABC-TV and WPIX.

By way of background, Dr. Baker stated that he had served as the first Chairman of the MTVA (Metropolitan Television Alliance) which was established to address the transmission needs of the New York City television broadcasters displaced by the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center. Following a discussion of New York City transmitter site issues, Dr. Baker reiterated the points made in EBC's September 1, 2005 "Comments in Support of Emergency Request for Waiver," including that in the post-DTV transition era, WNET would be severely disadvantaged as possibly the only former World Trade Center broadcaster operating a VHF DTV facility in the New York City market, should WABC-DT be forced to relocate to the UHF band.

Respectfully submitted,

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